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SUBJ: SADAT CALL FOR NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE

1. PRES SADAT CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM NAMIBIA AND FREE ELECTIONS UNDER UN AUSPICES IN MESSAGE TO AFRICAN PEOPLE. MESSAGE WAS READ TO ARAB SOCIALIST UNION BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER HAFIZ BADAWI DURING CEREMONIES ON OCCASION OF 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEGINNING OF NAMBIA INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE. SADAT ACCUSED SOUTH AFRICA OF LONG NEGLECT OF COMMITMENTS TO PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, AND "HATEFUL POLICY OF TERRORISM BASED ON RACISM AND DEGRADATION OF MANKIND." SADAT NOTED THAT OPPRESSED BROTHERS IN SOUTH AFRICA SUFFERED FROM IMPERIALISM WHILE "ISRAEL, SOUTH AFRICA'S ALLY" IGNORES UN CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES. EGYPT "WILL FACE TEL AVIV-PRETORIA AXIS" WITH SAME DETERMINATION IT HAS "SUPERPOWERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO DEPRIVE EGYPT OF ITS RIGHTS AND DESTROY ITS DIGNITY."

2. SWAPO REP KARAGANGOA ROSE BEFORE ASU TO HAIL EGYPTIAN SSUPPORT OF NAMIBIA AND PRAISE EGYPTIAN SHATTERING OF MYTH OF ISRAELI COMNIPOTENCE. HE CALLED ON UN AND OAU TO SUPPORT
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NAMIBIAN STRUGGLE "WHICH FACES ISRAELI MERCENARIES AS WELL

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AS SOUTH AFRICAN FASCISTS." SWAPO REP DEMANDED EMBARGO ON
WESTERN WEAPONS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

3. OTHER SPECTATORS WITH SIMILAR COMMENTS INCLUDED
ABDUL MUNEIM SAWY, EGYPTIAN CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN JOURNALIST
FEDERATION, AND CAIRO PLO REP SURANI, WHO NOTED THAT ISRAEL
AND SOUTH AFRICA ARE "LAST STRONGHOLDS OF WORLD IMPERIALISM".

4. COMMENT: SADAT MESSAGE HARSH IN TONE, BUT DOUBTLESSLY
WOULD HADE HAD MORE IMPACT IF DELIVERED IN PERSON. THERE LITTLE
NEW IN EGYPTIAN COMMENTS, WHICH ARE PART OF CONTINUING EFFORTS
TO KEEP AFRICAN CREDENTIALS IMPECCABLE.
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